

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Carl T. Thomsen on 4/10/2008.

2. The claims have been amended as follows:

Claim 1 (line 9), "photography information" has been changed to --~~the~~ photography information--.

Claim 1 (line 18), "composition images" has been changed to --~~the~~ composition images--.

Claim 1 (line 18), "recommended photography dates" has been changed to --recommended dates--.

Claim 1 (line 21), "photography date" has been changed to --photography dates--.

Claim 3 (line 5), "photography information containing" has been changed to --photography information--.

Claim 3 (line 9), "photography information" has been changed to --~~the~~ photography information--.

Claim 3 (line 16), "the recommended composition" has been changed to --the recommended composition image--.

Claim 4 (line 6), “said recommended composition data” has been changed to --said desired, recommended composition data--.

Claim 5 (line 5), “read-out means” has been changed to --the read-out means--.

Claim 5 (line 6), “positional information” has been changed to --the positional information--.

Claim 7 (line 5), “weather information” has been changed to --the weather information--.

Claim 7 (lines 5-6), “said photography location” has been changed to --said various photography locations--.

Claim 7 (line 6), “weather information” has been changed to --the weather information--.

Claim 7 (line 6), “said photography location” has been changed to --said various photography locations--.

Claim 7 (line 7), “read-out means” has been changed to --the read-out means--.

Claim 7 (line 8), “photography information” has been changed to --the photography information--.

Claim 7 (line 8), “positional information” has been changed to --the positional information--.

Claim 8 (line 6), “weather information” has been changed to --the weather information--.

Claim 8 (line 7), “read-out means” has been changed to --the read-out means--.

Claim 8 (line 8), “positional information and date information” has been changed to --the positional information and the date information--.

Claim 10 (line 4), “said recommended composition data” has been changed to --said desired, recommended composition data--.

Claim 11 (line 2), “recommended imaging” has been changed to --the recommended imaging--.

Claim 12 (line 2), “recommended imaging” has been changed to --the recommended imaging--.

Claim 13 (line 2), “recommended imaging” has been changed to --the recommended imaging--.

Claim 15 (lines 2-3), “imaging-condition information” has been changed to --the imaging-condition information--.

Claim 15 (line 3), “recommended imaging” has been changed to --the recommended imaging--.

Claim 16 (lines 2-3), “imaging-condition information” has been changed to --the imaging-condition information--.

Claim 17 (line 2), “said recommended composition data” has been changed to --said desired, recommended composition data--.

Claim 17 (line 3), “composition images” has been changed to --composition image--.

Claim 18 (line 2), “said recommended composition data” has been changed to --said desired, recommended composition data--.

Claim 18 (line 3), “composition images” has been changed to --composition image--.

Claim 19 (line 2), “said recommended composition data” has been changed to --said desired, recommended composition data--.

Claim 19 (line 3), “composition images” has been changed to --composition image--.

Claim 20 (line 2), “said recommended composition data” has been changed to --said desired, recommended composition data--.

Claim 20 (line 3), “composition images” has been changed to --composition image--.

Claim 21 (line 2), “said recommended composition data” has been changed to --said desired, recommended composition data--.

Claim 21 (line 3), “composition images” has been changed to --composition image--.

Claim 22 (line 2), “said recommended composition data” has been changed to --said desired, recommended composition data--.

Claim 22 (line 3), “composition images” has been changed to --composition image--.

Claim 28 (line 11), “photography information” has been changed to --the photography information--.

Claim 28 (line 20), “composition images” has been changed to --the composition images--.

Claim 28 (line 20), “recommended photography dates” has been changed to --recommended dates--.

Claim 28 (line 23), “photography date” has been changed to --photography dates--.

Claim 30 (line 1), “comprising” should be changed to --comprising;--.

Claim 30 (line 9), “position information” has been changed to --the position information--.

Claim 30 (line 11), “photography information” has been changed to --the photography information--.

Claim 30 (line 19), “recommended composition” has been changed to –recommended composition image--.

Claim 31 (line 3), “weather information” has been changed to –the weather information--.

Claim 31 (line 4), “weather information” has been changed to –the weather information--.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-28, 30-35 are allowed.

The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1 and 28, the prior art of the record fails to show or fairly suggest an imaging device comprising when the photography information includes more than one recommended photography dates, each of the photography dates is ranked according to a relative degree of preference for performing photography.

Claims 1, 4-5, 8-27 are allowable for the reason given in claim 1.

Claims 31-35 are allowable for the reason given in claim 28.

Regarding claims 3 and 30, the prior art of the record fails to show or fairly suggest an imaging device comprising wherein along with said positional information included in the photography information, said photography information also includes weather information which represents various recommended weather condition suitable for photographing the recommended composition image at said various photography locations.

Claim 7 is allowable for the reason given in claim 3.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LUONG T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-7315. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DAVID L. OMETZ can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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